

WE ALL DEPEND ON THE BAY-DELTA

The Bay-Delta system provides drinking water for 22 million people. It supports California's trillion-dollar economy, including its \$27 billion agricultural industry. Its levees protect farms, homes, and infrastructure. It is the largest estuary on the west coast — home to 750 plant and animal species — and it supports 80% of the state's commercial salmon fisheries.

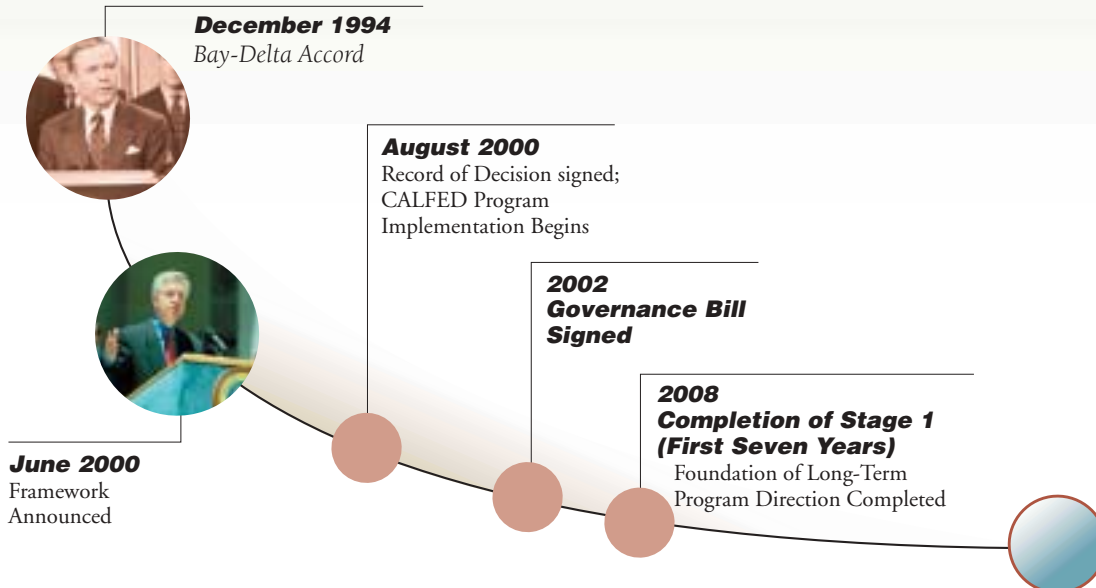
DEFINING AND RESOLVING THE BAY-DELTA CONFLICT

Straining under dual roles as crucial habitat and water project crossroads, the Bay-Delta is in decline from decades of competing demands, no longer functioning as a healthy ecosystem or as a reliable source of water.

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a collaborative effort among 23 state and federal agencies (CALFED Agencies) to improve water supplies in California and the health of the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento/San Joaquin River Delta watershed.

IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES:

- Meet commitments and milestones in the Bay-Delta Plan.
- Apply independent scientific review and adaptive management to all major activities with accurate and frequent reports to the public.
- Conduct early and continuous agency, stakeholder and public involvement.
- Support local and regionally based strategies to achieve the Program's goals.
- Develop performance standards and milestones for each program element.
- Maintain a balanced and integrated Program.

CALFED TIMELINE

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a comprehensive collaborative effort that will take 30 years or more to complete.

